MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): It is under progress.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How long will it take to complete the survey?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Our Marketing Officers are working in collaboration with the Government of India. The All-India Marketing survey is to continue for a period of five years.

The Marketing Officers.

156. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Marketing Officers have submitted their reports; and

(*b*) if so, whether they are available to the public?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) The Marketing Officers have submitted reports on the marketing surveys of the following commodities:—

Linseed, groundnut, grapes, eggs, pineapples, wheat, tobacco, cattle and milk.

(*b*) The reports are not available to the public at this stage.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): In regard to part (*a*) of the answer may I know when the reports will be published?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Our report will be co-ordinated with that of the Government of India on the subject and when all the local reports become available, it will be published.

Shertala District Hospital.

157. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of patients treated in the Shertala District Hospital in 1111 and the number of patients treated in the month of Chingam and Kanni 1112;

(*b*) the number of nurses in the hospital;

(*c*) the number of beds provided for the in-patients in the hospital;

(*d*) the distance between the hospital, the First Class Magistrate's Court and the English School; and

(*e*) whether there is any compound wall for the Shertala Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Number treated in 1111—32,371.

Number treated during the first two months in 1112—10,835.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Thirty.

(*d*) The First Class Magistrate's Court is only a few feet away from the hospital. The English High School premises abut the road in front of the hospital premises.

(*e*) No.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government whether any representation has been received for the construction of a compound wall in the Shertala District Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know what has become of that?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The matter will be considered at the time of the Budget.

Price of cocoanut products.

158. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to last year (1111):

(*a*) the average price of cocoanuts per 100 in Travancore markets;

(*b*) the average price of copra per candy in Travancore markets; and

(*c*) the average price of coir per candy in Travancore markets?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The price of cocoanuts with husks per 100 in Travancore markets ranged between Bh. Rs. 2 and Bh. Rs. 4-8-0 and without husks between Bh. Rs. 1-12-0 and Bh. Rs. 3-12-0.

(*b*) The price of copra per candy in Travancore markets ranged between Bh. Rs. 50 and Bh. Rs. 105.

(*c*) The price of coir per candy in Travancore markets ranged between Bh. Rs. 28 and Bh. Rs. 60.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government whether they have found out a scheme by which the price of cocoanut products should be enhanced?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It is not possible for Travancore Government to do much in that direction. It depends mainly upon world conditions.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Are the Government aware that the price of cocoanut products has fallen very low?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The price is slowly rising now.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government intend to take steps to increase the price of cocoanut products by finding out new markets?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The Government have their Trade Agent to find out new markets in India and thus there is the possibility of increase in the price of cocoanut products.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government what action has been taken in regard to the suggestion at the last budget session?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Nothing has been done to my knowledge.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether this Government have moved the Government of India in the matter?

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